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in conference history. Meaders was a captain of the 1992 ACC Championship teams. "I think (Craddock) influenced hundreds of lives with the kids that came through the program," Meaders said. "And he definitely played a positive influence on mine. It's honoring to be able to take the baton from him." Craddock recruited Meaders from Monroe, N.C., and coached him for four years as a Tar Heel. "It's a special time for me," Craddock said. "I had nothing to do with the hiring process, except when they asked me what I thought of him — I told them he is great." The task to replace the most successful coach in ACC sports history is no small one, and Meaders realizes that. Replace isn't the correct term to describe how Meaders will attempt to fill the vacancy left by Craddock. "It's impossible to replace the all-time winningest coach in ACC his-

tory for any sport," said rising junior distance runner Isaac Presson. "But I think coach Meaders and his staff are up for the challenge ... Coach Craddock had (Meaders) high on his list of replacements." Meaders already has a head start on most new coaches because of his college years at UNC. He's relieved of the burdens to explore the campus, learn the school's traditions and acclimate to the atmosphere. "The campus has changed so much since I was here," he said with a laugh. "There are new buildings all over the place, and there's a new type of student. But the thing that holds true and remains constant is that it still feels the same — it feels like home." His time at UNC, though a bonus, was not a decisive factor in his hiring, Cunningham said. "That was 20 years ago," Cunningham said of Meaders' athletic career at UNC. "It was definitely a bonus, but not the driver of the decision." Meaders has a plan in place for

next season, and he hopes his philosophy of putting the good of the team before individual accolades will take hold. He said he strongly believes in an "everyone is a part of the whole" approach and adheres to the true definition of a team. What does that mean for the athletes? "I think the team might change as far as event focus," Presson said. "We've always been a really balanced team, but now I think we'll be even more balanced." In the next couple weeks, Meaders will have more time to focus on the season. But for now, he's happy to be back to where it all started. "When you find the right place, and you're the right person and the fit is good, there's really no need to transition to anywhere else," he said. "UNC is one of those places — it's not a stepping stone to get somewhere, it's a destination."

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from the refrigerator." Alternatively, some of the short plays explore the dramatic facet of theater. "This was a tribute to all the romantic comedies I've seen over the years," said Aishwarya Jha Mathur of her first play, "Meet Cute." "The whole focus was always on the banter between the two characters," she said. She said she tried to model her characters after the interesting and witty characters in Georgette Heyer's novels, in contrast to many movie characters. "There may be humor in movies, but it turns crass sometimes," Jha Mathur said. Jha Mathur participated as an actress in the international 10-minute play festival, Short and Sweet. Many writers said despite the brevity of the plays, they still treat short plays as full-length plays. "For me, a fully realized 10-minute play is contained and more than just a scene," writer Jonathan Yukich said. Jonathan Graham, whose play will show at the 10 by 10 festival, has been a playwright for 25 years and has seen the popularity of 10-minute plays increase. "Now, there are a lot more theaters calling for 10-minute plays," he said. "There is a certain impatience in our culture," Graham said. "(Theater) is very old fashioned; the art form needs to continue to evolve to be relevant to people."

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LANDLORD

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which under past law would have forestalled their eviction. The changes were mentioned at a Chapel Hill-Carrboro Chamber of Commerce meeting, which focused on the effects of actions taken by the N.C. General Assembly on small businesses during its 2012 short session. Mark Zimmerman, vice-chairman of the legislative committee of the N.C. Association of Realtors, said the law, which represents the first revision of landlord/tenant law in the state since the 1970s, helps local small business real estate agencies that let properties. "These are real issues for people who are in that business, and this legislation should help make a little more of a level playing field than it had been," Zimmerman said. The law passed both houses of the N.C. General Assembly unanimously and was signed into law by Gov. Bev Perdue June 11. Under new law, tenants' security deposits, which generally amount to about one month's rent in the Chapel Hill area, may now be accessed by landlords to pay for cleaning, unpaid water and sewage utilities, damages and court fees. Students have expressed mixed reactions towards the new law. Senior Meredith Sherrod, an elementary education major who used to work at the Chapel Ridge apartment complex, said she thought the law was fair. "With my apartment in Chapel Ridge, I left it in the condition that I found it, and having to

inspect people's apartments there, I can certainly appreciate other people doing the same thing," she said. "It takes a lot of money to repair things that are damaged in an apartment." But junior Jordan Hale, a political science major, expressed concern with the law. "Honestly, I think anything that streamlines the process of tenant eviction is kind of a bad thing," he said. "It does make me a little wary about living in an apartment." But despite the changes, Bernholz said it is unlikely that the new legislation will have much of an effect on how often students rent property in Chapel Hill. "I think it's a pretty captive market. Students want to live in private housing off-campus," she said.

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On the wire: national and world news



Mitt Romney criticizes President Obama's tax plan

GRAND JUNCTION, Colo. (MCT) — Mitt Romney brought his presidential campaign to the West Slope of Colorado on Tuesday, looking to energize his base here in a heavily Republican part of the state and highlight the continuing struggle to bring back jobs in a region where unemployment is higher than other parts of the nation. In a question-and-answer session with voters at Central High School here, the unofficial Republican nominee took aim at President Barack Obama's tax plans, stating that his rival's proposal to extend the Bush tax cuts for those making up to \$250,000 — but not upper-income Americans — would harm "job creators." The tax cuts are due to expire at the end of the year. The former Massachusetts governor called the president's plan to extend tax cuts only for some Americans "another kick in the gut" after last week's middling jobs report. Obama's plan, he said, was "the sort of thing only an extreme liberal can come up with." "When people in Washington say they're lowering taxes, hold onto your wallet," Romney said before an enthusiastic audience that formed a theater-in-the-round for the candidate inside the high school gym. "For job creators and small businesses, he announced a massive tax increase," Romney said, drawing boos from the audience. "So, at the very time the American people are seeing fewer jobs created than we need, the president announces he's going to make it harder for jobs to be created. I just don't think this president understands how our economy works," Romney said. Romney also went on a counterattack on Democratic efforts to

suggest that he outsourced jobs while heading the private equity firm Bain Capital. He noted that the independent website factcheck.org found no evidence to support those claims.

China's economy slowing down at a fast pace

BEIJING (MCT) — China's economy appears to be weakening more rapidly than official statistics would suggest, raising fears of a painful slowdown that could be felt around the globe. Second-quarter gross domestic product statistics to be released this week are expected to show growth of around 7.5 percent compared with the same period last year, according to analysts' estimates. That would be the slowest pace since the depths of the global financial crisis. But government data are widely believed to understate the extent of China's woes. Other indicators point to a much sharper decline, economists said. Record amounts of coal and iron ore are piling up at depots, signaling waning demand for electricity and building materials. Excavators and other heavy equipment are being idled or sold at deep discounts as housing construction has stalled. The demand for diesel, needed to power those machines, has been flat for six months. Shipyards have laid off thousands of workers, and half-built vessels have been left to rust. On Sunday, Premier Wen Jiabao warned of "huge downward pressure" on the world's No. 2 economy, one of the strongest



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Unfinished ships sit idle at Dongfang Shipbuilding in Yueqing County, China due to economic problems that have hit shipyards.

admissions yet that China's top leaders are worried about the recent deceleration. The country's central bank last week unexpectedly cut bank lending rates in a bid to stimulate lending. China's trade minister said last month that the country would be "lucky" to meet its growth targets for imports and exports this year, describing the environment as "grim." Trade numbers for June, released Tuesday, came in lower than expected, according to media reports.

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